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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, CO

REF: WHITE/TAYLOR TELECON OF 7/10/73

FOLLOWING QUOTE IS FROM A LETTER FROM MARSHALL WRIGHT,  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS, TO  
CONGRESSMAN FORTNEY H. STARK DATED JUNE 25, 1973:

"DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS STOCKS OF ORANGE HAS BEEN UNDER  
STUDY BY THE AIR FORCE FOR SOME TIME. AS ONE OF SEVERAL  
ALTERNATIVES FOR DISPOSAL IT WAS ONCE THOUGHT THAT THE  
MATERIAL COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS,  
INCLUDING THOSE IN LATIN AMERICA, TO IMPROVE PASTURE  
LAND. SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS DISCUSSED BY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE AIR FORCE WITH  
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. IT WAS DECIDED THAT UNTIL  
ORANGE IS ACCEPTED FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES, IT  
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SHOULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT

BASIS BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY OVER THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN  
TOXIC COMPONENTS OF THE HERBICIDE.

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE  
AND RODENTICIDE ACT(FIFRA), THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY(EPA) REGULATES THE MARKETING OF PESTICIDES AND  
HERBICIDES AFTER DETERMINING THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AND

SAFETY. THE AIR FORCE HAS APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION OF  
AGENT ORANGE WITH THE EPA FOR MARKETING DOMESTICALLY BUT  
THE QUESTION OF DIOXIN CONTENT IS STILL UNDER INTENSIVE  
REVIEW. SHOULD EPA APPROVE THE DOMESTIC USE OF ORANGE,  
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE  
THE SUBSTANCE FOR EXPORT AND THE FOREIGN RELATIONS EFFECT  
OF SUCH EXPORTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THAT TIME."

SEE STATE 109250 OF JUNE 6, 1973, SENT ALL ARA DIPLOMA-  
TIC POSTS, FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND. ROGERS

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